

Town of Marilla S-1740 Two Rod Road Marilla, New York 14102



Dear Residents, December, 2004

(716) 652-7293

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Marilla Town Board would like to wish you and your family a **Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy 2005.** We hope you will take a few moments to read the following items. We need your help to keep Marilla looking its best, so please keep the area around your home and throughout Marilla as clean as possible. If you have any comments or questions, please call the Supervisor's Office at 652-7293.

SANITATION DEPARTMENT HOLIDAYS

Enclosed is a list of holidays that the Sanitation Dept. will be observing in 2005. If a holiday falls on a Monday, all weekly pick-ups will be delayed by one day. When a holiday falls later in the week – Example:

Thanksgiving Day, which falls on a Thursday, will affect only those who have a

Garbage pick-up will only be delayed for holidays listed on the Holiday Card

Thursday pick-up; all others will follow normal schedule, etc. PLEASE SAVE YOUR CARD FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. Reminder: The safety of our Sanitation Workers is important; therefore no container or item will be picked up weighing over 50 lbs. The use of hydraulically lifted trash containers will no longer be permitted for use in garbage or recycling container.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

On Monday, January 10th Christmas tree pickup will begin. The Town Highway Dept. will begin collection if the trees are at the **roadside by 7:00 a.m.** All decorations and any plastic wrappings used to carry them outside must be removed. If you prefer, you may bring them to the Recycling Center on Eastwood Rd. during normal hours of operation.

RECYCLING CENTER

Just a reminder that the hours of operation at the Recycling Center on Eastwood Rd. are every Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. and the second and last Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We are accepting additional recycling items at the center. The new bins will be as follows: cardboard, tin cans, mixed papers and plastics, these items will not be picked up at the curb, they are recycled only when brought to the facility on Eastwood Rd. by residents. The Sanitation Department will only continue to pick up daily garbage, glass and newspaper (tied in bundles or in paper bags). Items acceptable at the Center are: motor oil, metals, newspapers (all newspaper must be tied in bundles or in paper bags or it cannot be recycled), glass (all metal rings, caps, etc. must be removed by residents), plastic, cardboard, tin cans, mixed papers and yard waste ie: grass, leaves and brush. New stickers for the Center will be available in the Town Clerk's Office after the first of the year upon proof of registration.

DOG CONTROL

Residents needing assistance from the Dog Warden should call the following pager number as follows:

460-0681 – from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and on call on weekends.

RURAL TRANSIT SERVICE

RTS is a non-profit transportation service for eligible residents who reside in the service area. Trips are for shopping, human services and employment with highest priority given for medical and health services. A wheelchair lift-equipped van and toddler seats are available. **You may be eligible for Rural Transit** if you reside in the Town of Marilla and your annual income is within the HUD guidelines. You can call 549-5098 for more information on the income limits. You are eligible if you are 62

and older or disabled. You may be eligible if you don't have available transportation and cannot access existing bus routes and have no other way of getting around. An application will be completed with you when you wish to start service. The hours the van will run are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Dispatch should be called 48 hours in advance and up to two weeks in advance for medical appointments. Individuals may schedule up to two rides per week. For more information Please call **549-5098**.

MARILLA FREE LIBRARY

The Marilla Free Library offers free Internet service to all patrons of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries with cards in good standing. All residents of Erie County are eligible to obtain library cards free of charge with valid Identification. Replacement cards are \$1. Computer programs such as Word, Excel and several children's programs are also available. Library hours are: Monday 1-6, Tuesday 10-5 and 7-9, Wednesday 10-5, Thursday 10-5 and 7-9 and Saturday 12-5. The Library is not open Friday or Sunday.

STAR PROGRAM

Property owners (including mobile home owners) that are 65 years or older prior to December 31, 2005 and had an annual adjusted gross income under \$64,650 for the 2003 tax year, may qualify for the **Enhanced Star Exemption** on their primary residence. If you have received the **Enhanced STAR exemption** in 2004, you will receive a renewal notice in the mail that must be filed by **May 1**st, 2005.

Also, recent legislation offers an income verification program for future Enhanced STAR renewals starting in 2004.

Please contact the Assessor's Office for further explanation.

If you recently purchased a home (including a mobile home) as a primary residence in the Town of Marilla, you qualify for the Basic STAR Exemption.

Property owners that received the Basic STAR exemption last year and are under 65, do not need to renew their application.

First time applicants must apply prior to **May 1, 2005**. Applications are available in the Assessor's Office and the Town Clerk's Office. Please contact the Assessors at 652-5497, Tuesday evenings between 7:00-9:00 p.m. with any questions you may have.

SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

Property owners that are 65 years or older prior to December 31, 2005 and had an annual gross income in 2004 of \$32,400 or less may qualify for this exemption. Please contact the Assessors Office Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at 652-5497 for more information.

MARILLA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Marilla Historical Society is looking for new members. We invite members of our Community who are interested in preserving our Town's heritage and becoming more involved in community events to join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Marilla Community Center on Two Rod Road.

The Marilla Historical Society Museum is looking for vintage American clothing (c.1800-1960) for our collection. If you have clothing or other Marilla related items you would like to donate please call 652-2436 or 805-1202.

Sincerely, John R. Foss, Supervisor

Councilman Fred Specht Councilman George Gertz Councilman Barbara Spanitz Councilman Warren Handley

